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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Takayoshi SHIMOKAWA et al.
Serial No.: 10/084,222
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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE SYSTEM FOR MANAGING
DATABASE AND DATABASE MANAGING METHOD AND
SYSTEM
Group: 2171
Examiner: E. Leroux

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

January 12, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 3, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended two months by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire February 3, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Abstract are on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Amendments to the Drawings describing changes to drawings shown in the Appendix are on page 16.

Remarks are included following the amendments.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following the Remarks.